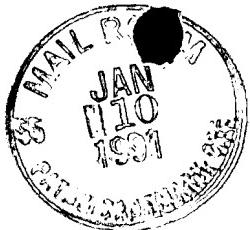


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Please cancel claims 31, 33 and 34 without prejudice to further consideration in a continuing application.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested. Claims 28-31, 33 and 34 are pending. Of these claims, claims 31, 33 and 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). These claims have been cancelled in order to place this application in condition for allowance.

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